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FALL REFUGE VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

SCHEDULED AT SQUAW CREEK REFUGE

Mound City, Missouri -- Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge announces **the spring volunteer workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.** Squaw Creek Refuge's workday is held annually twice a year, one Saturday in the spring and one Saturday in the fall. Volunteers have made significant contributions toward Squaw Creek Refuge's management programs. Volunteers make a great difference in helping refuge staff conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. The fall workday will permit volunteers, individuals, and groups to show their support for resource conservation. A variety of work projects are planned and volunteers are needed.

Volunteer workday projects help provide the opportunity for local citizens to develop an ethical stewardship for the natural resource at National Wildlife Refuges, like Squaw Creek, which is in their own backyard. Boy and Girl Scout groups are encouraged to participate. Volunteers may contact Refuge Park Ranger, Charlie Marshall, during office business hours Monday - Friday, 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. to arrange participation in the planned workday projects. All interested helpers should call (660) 442-3187 or email charlie_marshall@fws.gov to confirm participation or to obtain further workday information. Squaw Creek Refuge is located 5 miles south of Mound City and 30 miles north of St. Joseph, Missouri. Visitors may take I-29 to Exit 79, then travel two and ½ miles west on Highway 159 to the refuge entrance.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 100-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses more than 550 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 63 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitats such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

For further information about refuge programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region, please visit our website at www.fws.gov/midwest/squawcreek.

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